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In re Application of

Docket No. 2923-477

RAUTH et al

Customer No.: 6449

Serial No. 10/069,974

Examiner: T. McIntosh

Filed: July 9, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1623

For: METHOD FOR BINDING NUCLEIC ACIDS TO A SOLID PHASE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 2, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 4, 2003, applicants hereby elect group I, claims 1-26, for prosecution in the present application.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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